

The Economic Society of Australia (QLD) invites you to a luncheon featuring **Professor Paul Frijters**.

# MANAGING FAILING STATES

AN ECONOMIC RESPONSE TO THAT WHICH HAS BEEN TRIED



"The West in recent decades has been increasingly faced with disruptions emanating from failed states, like Afghanistan, Haiti, the Solomons, and Somalia. Whilst we are poised to leave Afghanistan and have just pulled out of Iraq, we are at the same time increasingly pulled into places like Somalia, Mali, and Syria, whilst there is also a high likelihood that we will get dragged back into places we just left.

In general, we have tried a variety of things to reduce the impact failed states have on our lives, from indifference to minimal symptom response to full-scale occupation-and-reform. As part of an ongoing project investigating the functionality of failing states (and/or the success rate of Western politicians in insulating their societies from 'failed state fallout'), this lecture will review the pros and cons of the predominant options employed as well as possible alternatives. As one might expect, the main examples come from the current struggle with Islamic extremists challenging Western interests. Recent developments in Syria, Somalia, and Iran will hence be discussed."

*Professor Paul Frijters* did his PhD in 1999 in Amsterdam after doing a Masters in Econometrics in Groningen. Arriving in Australia in 2001, he was elected 'Best Economist under 40 in Australia' by the Economic Society of Australia for 2009-2011.

He is in the top 1% of recently cited economists in the world and writes on a diverse range of topics, including happiness and well-being, migration in China, behavioural economics, transition economics, and health economics.

He has advised the Dutch and the Australian governments, presented at UN conferences, and has regularly served as an invited keynote speaker for policy groups within Australia and at international conferences. He is active in the media and policy land, with interview invites by CNN, the Wall Street Journal, ABC, the US Congress, the Australian Economic Senate Committee, the Productivity Commission, the Australian Treasury, the Department for Climate Change, and many others.

His latest book is soon coming with Cambridge UP and is called 'An economic theory of greed, love, groups and networks' co-written with Gigi Foster.

- EVENT:** Managing Failing States  
**SPEAKERS:** Professor Paul Frijters  
**VENUE:** RBS Morgans, Level 29 Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street  
**DATE:** Wednesday, 14th November  
**TIME:** 12:00noon to 1:00pm  
**MEAL:** A light lunch will be provided  
**DRESS:** Business Casual

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